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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AWARDS $4 MILLION
TO THREE STATES TO AID SAMOAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Labor is providing $4 million to Hawaii, California and Washington to assist Samoans living in those states with employment and training programs.

The monies will be distributed as follows:

Hawaii	$3,000,000
California	750,000
Washington	250,000

In Hawaii, services will be provided to Pacific Islanders and recent Asian immigrants as well as Samoans.

Since 1988 Congress has appropriated money to Hawaii and California to provide such services as assessment, job search assistance, counselling, remedial education, basic skills training, institutional skills training, needs-based payments, and work experience in Hawaii and California. Washington was added in 1990.

In Hawaii the program will be operated by Samoan Service Providers Association, Honolulu and Job Help Store, Honolulu. The National Office of Samoan Affairs, Inc., with various field offices, will operate the program in California. In Washington the project will be operated by the Economic Opportunity Center in Seattle.

According to the 1990 Census, there are more than 51,000 Samoans living in the United States. This population includes:

Hawaii	15,034
California	31,917
Washington	4,130

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NEBRASKA WORKERS TO RECEIVE NEARLY
$45,000 IN TRADE ASSISTANCE

WASHINGTON -- Nearly $45,000 in job training and other assistance is being provided for workers in the State of Nebraska who have been laid off due to increased imports of foreign products, the Department of Labor has announced.

Funds are provided under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, authorized by the Trade Act of 1974. The program provides weekly trade readjustment allowances as well as training, job search allowances, and relocation allowances to eligible workers who have been laid-off as a result of increased imports of foreign products.

The funds for Nebraska will provide assistance to workers throughout the state.

The funds are made available to the state employment security agency through the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

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The first federal child labor legislation, passed in 1916, was the Keating-Owens Act. The law prohibited carrying in interstate or foreign commerce goods produced by firms employing children under 14 years old or who worked 14 to 16 hours a day. The law, however, was declared unconstitutional in 1918, according to the Department of Labor's "Labor Firsts In America."

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In 1918, the first use of federal government contracts to restrict the employment of child labor took place. The following year the Revenue Act of 1919 was passed to tax employers of child labor. It was ruled unconstitutional in 1922, according to the Department of Labor's "Labor Firsts In America."

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The first federal legislation to set a minimum age for child labor was the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933. It required a minimum age of 16 for general work and 18 for hazardous jobs. In 1935, the law was declared unconstitutional, but the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 provided for minimum age requirements similar to the 1933 act, according to the Department of Labor's "Labor Firsts In America."